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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Koji ARIMURA, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/779,739)	
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Filed: February 18, 2004)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	April 8, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent document listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English patent document and counterpart abstract also are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to

charge any fee, which may be deemed necessary in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 10-97122 discloses an electrophotographic device in which a ratio of a time for applying an AC voltage with respect to a total rotation time of an image carrying member is 75% or less, thereby preventing a streaming of an image owing charged products sticking to the image bearing member.

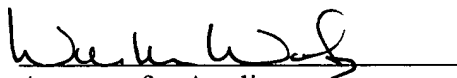
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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